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LETTER DATED 19 MARCH 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit a letter from the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, welcoming the appointment of Mr. James Baker as the Secretary-General's personal envoy on the question of Sahara, with responsibility for assessing the situation, considering measures to facilitate implementation of the plan and submitting recommendations to that end (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the letter circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Ahmed SNOUSSI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 11 March 1997 from the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5 March 1997, in which you informed me of your intention to appoint Mr. James Baker III as your special envoy on the question of Sahara, in order to assess the situation, consider measures to facilitate implementation of the plan and submit recommendations to that end.

First of all, I should like to express my profound gratitude for your interest in this matter and for your laudable efforts to overcome the obstacles to implementation of the settlement plan.

In this connection, I should like to assure you once again of the support of the Kingdom of Morocco, its full cooperation and its readiness to spare no effort to ensure that your action is successful. In this context, my country welcomes your initiative and commends your choice of Mr. James Baker III.

(Signed) Abdellatif FILALI